



Session 4:

Love is Why We Serve

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For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

-Mark 10:45

Meeting a need is a sermon that needs no words.

Key Scripture: John 13:12–17; Mark 10:42–45

Overview

By the time you've prayed for someone, listened to them, and shared a meal with them, you'll actually know what they need. Serving becomes natural because it's rooted in relationships. This session explores what it means to serve like Jesus — not to be noticed or appreciated, but to meet genuine needs with no strings attached, just as He modeled in the upper room.

Ice Breaker

Tell about a time someone served you in a completely unexpected way — they noticed a need and just met it without being asked. How did it make you feel about that person?

PRAYER PROMPT

OPENING: Ask God to give each person in the group a servant's heart, eyes that notice needs others overlook, and hands willing to meet those needs quietly, without needing thanks.

Scripture Review

Read the key passage together, then work through these questions:

1. In John 13:12–17, after washing His disciples' feet, Jesus says: "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." What's the significance of the fact Jesus did this before the cross — before His greatest act of service? Is there any significance?
2. In Mark 10:42–45, Jesus contrasts Kingdom greatness with worldly power — the greatest is the servant of all. How does this flip the way most institutions and relationships define success or status?



Go Deeper

1. What's the difference between serving someone to meet a genuine need and serving to be seen, appreciated, or to earn something? Have you experienced both motivations in yourself?
2. Think about someone on your B.L.E.S.S. list — what have you learned about their life that points to a specific, practical need you could meet?
3. How could your group serve together — not just individually — in the neighborhood or community around your church? What would it look like to make service a shared rhythm rather than a solo effort?

Notes / Group Reflections



THIS WEEK'S B.L.E.S.S. CHALLENGE

Do one specific, practical act of service for someone on your B.L.E.S.S. list this week. It could be mowing a lawn, dropping off a meal, helping with a move, or simply showing up. Do it without expectation of recognition or thanks.

Who will I B.L.E.S.S. this week? _____



PRAYER PROMPT

CLOSING: Pray for servant eyes and servant hands. Ask God to show each person in your group one specific opportunity to serve someone this week and for the follow-through to actually do it.